

## **Task Force on Open Space Acquisition**

Date: September 22, 2004

Time: 7:30

Place: Arts Room, Falls Church Community Center

### **Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Council Member Hockenberry at 7:30 pm. Present were Barry Buschow, Rob Meeks, Marty Meserve, Lindy Hockenberry, Kathleen Nixon, Rob Puentes, Howard Herman, Helen Reinecke-Wilt, and Wyatt Shields.

Lindy nominated Barry Buschow to serve as Chairman of the Task Force. With unanimous consent, Barry accepted the nomination.

- Business Items:
  - ✓ Meeting Dates. The following meeting dates were agreed upon through December:  
Wednesday, September 29, 2004  
Wednesday, October 27, 2004  
Wednesday, November 17, 2004  
Tuesday, December 14, 2004
  - ✓ Meeting Place. All meetings, unless otherwise noted, will be in the Arts Room, Community Center.
  - ✓ Contact information sheet. Wyatt to send out email list to all.
  - ✓ Minutes: Wyatt agreed that he would be responsible for keeping a written record of the meetings.
  
- Committee Purpose; Goals; and Milestones

Barry first asked about members to comment on the composition of the task force, and note if there were any groups or organizations that were not represented who should be. There were no suggestions on additional members.

Barry then read the resolution establishing the task force, and asked all the members to speak to their interests, and goals for the committee, which all did. Wyatt took notes on these comments and stated that he would put them into a draft work plan for the task force's review at the next meeting.

Kathleen asked about staff involvement with the Task Force, and Wyatt noted that the three, Helen, Howard, and Wyatt would be involved until the work is complete.

- Review/Discussion of Past Studies. The following past reports and studies were part of the packets for this meeting,

*Parks, Recreation and a Survey of Natural Features – September 1976*

*A Study of Open Space in Falls Church, Virginia – September 1981*

*Open Space Acquisition Priorities – A Report by the Falls Church Advisory Board of Recreation and Parks – October 1982*

*Natural Features, Parks, Recreation and Open Space: Planning Commission Recommendations for Amending the Master Plan – July 1983*

*Chapter 7 of the Comprehensive Plan, Parks, Open Space, and Recreation*

These reports were discussed in general, and the Planning Commissions 1983 report on was singled out for particular praise. Helen agreed that she would send out her draft of the updated Chapter 7 of the Comp Plan.

- For next Meeting, September 29, 2004:
  - Wyatt to produce draft Work Plan
  - Helen to bring base map showing:
    - Existing parkland
    - Future parkland, as designated by the future land use plan in the Comprehensive Plan.
    - Other proposed parkland from Parks and Rec Board, previous studies, and other sources.
  - Howard to bring list of Parks and Rec Board target properties.